IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

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FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

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PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A.GOPAL REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 13907 of 2004

Between:

1 Sree Ganapathi Talkies, Nidadavolu,
Rep. by its Managing Partner, Gamini Sarveswara Rao,

S/o. Late Purushotham, age about 62 Years,
Nidadavolu, West Godavari District.
2 Sri Venkata Rama Picture Palace, Chagallu, Nidadavolu,
Rep. by its Partner, M. Sudhakar Rao, R/o. Raghavendra Rao

Aged about 43 Years, Nidadavolu, West Godavari District.
3 Annapuran Picture Palace, Narsapur,
Rep. by its Partner, A. Bapuji, S/o. Late Pichayya,
Narsapur, West Godavari District.
4 Theatre Sri Trinadh, Devarapalli W.G. District.
Rep. by its Managing Partner, P. Prabhakar Rao,

S/o. Gurumurthy, aged 45 Years,
5 Venkateswara Talkies ' Devarapalli W.G. District.
Rep. by its Managing Partner, K.M. Gandhi,

S/o. Venkat Rao, aged 51 Years.
6 Vijayalaxmi and Mini Vijayalaxmi A.C. Theatres, Eluru,
Rep. by its Managing Partner, Sri P.M. Rao,

S/o. Sri Ramulu, aged 62 Years, W.G. District.
7 Alankar A.C. Vijayawada, Krishna District,
Rep. by its Managing Partner, K.V.D. Prasad,

S/o. Venkateswarlu, aged 45 Years.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

1 Films Division, Ministry of Information and Broad Casting,
Government of India, 24-Dr. G. Deshmukh Marg,

Mumbai - 400 026.

2 The Branch Manager, Films division, Gandhi Nagar,
Vijayawada, Krishna District.

3 The Joint Collector, West Godavari District.

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a Writ Order or direction more one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in not passing the orders in the Representations of the petitioners for refixation of Short Film Rentals as illegal, arbitrary and consequently direct the respondents to dispose of the Representations of the Petitioners as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.N.PRAVEEN KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent No.: MR.A.RAJASHEKAR REDDY (SC FOR CG)

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.GOPAL REDDY

W.P.NO.13907 OF 2004

ORDER:

Sri N.Praveen Kumar, the learned counsel for the petitioner and Smt C.Vani Reddy, Additional Central Government Standing Counsel for the respondents, both are agreed to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondents to dispose of the representation said to have been made by the petitioner.

The petitioners filed a representation dated 17.05.2004 to the first respondent with regard to the collection of 1% rentals on net collections from the petitioners for supply of films and agreeing to clear all the dues and withdraw the writ petition soon after disposal of their representation, but the same has not been disposed of.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, without going into the merits on the contentions, the said representation shall be received by the first respondent and consider the same and pass appropriate orders intimating the decision taken on that, to the petitioner within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No order as to costs.

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(A.GOPAL REDDY, J)

Dated 13th August, 2004.

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To

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